

where Members are on the political spectrum, Members cannot believe, with history as our judge, Members cannot believe that this Congress, whether it was controlled by the Republicans or Democrats, would be given another \$800 billion in the till, and we cannot believe that it would be used to "pay down the national debt." It would be spent.

That is why this Congress, this majority, is hoping against hope that we can give that money back before it gets spent, or the gentleman from the other side who was talking the other night will be right, it will, of course, increase the national debt, because we will spend every dime of it if it is left here.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. SCHAFFER).

Mr. SCHAFFER. I thank the gentleman. That is precisely right. The remarkable thing that this Congress needs to remember, that history shows us, and particularly the opponents who tried to stop us last week when we passed tax relief, is the lesson of President Kennedy, President Reagan, and in fact the lesson, unwillingly, the unwilling lesson learned by the present occupant of the White House. That is, cutting tax rates increases tax revenues to the Federal Government.

That is what President Kennedy discovered when he reduced tax rates. The economy grew, revenues poured into the Federal Government, people in Washington had all the money they needed to accomplish the things that they wanted to accomplish, and that is indisputable.

President Reagan reduced tax rates. Overall revenues to the Federal Government grew. The gentleman is right, at that time there was a different Congress in charge. They spent. What President Clinton discovered when the Republicans took control of the Congress was that when we reduced tax rates, the economy grows, and the Federal Government now has a surplus estimated to be to be at \$800 billion over the next 10 years.

We voted last week to give it back to the American taxpayers.

Mr. HAYWORTH. If the gentleman will continue to yield, again, it bears repeating, because, Mr. Speaker, there are those in this town, principally those at the other end of Pennsylvania Avenue but also those who occupy the left side of this Chamber, who would earnestly yearn for a type of collective amnesia to embrace the American people.

The President of the United States has engaged in incredible revisionist history where he calls the largest tax increase in American history noble and justified; when he fails to recognize the contributions of this new commonsense conservative majority, which came in and reined in excessive spending, which led to this surplus; but also with his comments in January of this year, when again he stood at this podium and said, and Mr. Speaker, it bears repeating, that it was his intent to save

62 percent of the social security surplus for social security, which meant, of course, that he intended to spend the other 38 percent; and how that stands in stark contrast, Mr. Speaker, with our lockbox to lock away 100 percent of the social security surplus for social security.

Mr. Speaker, it bears repeating, consider these three \$1 bills again to represent \$3 trillion. Take away the zeros. This is what our commonsense conservative majority maintains should happen. Let us take two of those dollar bills, lock them away to save social security and Medicare, and Mr. Speaker, we are left with this dollar bill, representing roughly \$1 trillion of additional surplus.

We have a choice, Mr. Speaker. If we leave it in Washington, given the proclivities of our president and the temptations which he cannot withstand, that money will be spent. We believe, as the commonsense conservative majority, that the money belongs to the people who sent it here. It should go back to those people.

For my friends on the left to claim these are tax breaks for the wealthy, it is an interesting definition of wealthy. Apparently they think folks who make \$40,000 a year are wealthy because those folks pay almost four times as much in taxes as the folks who earn \$20,000 a year.

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, and I thank my colleagues for joining me this evening.

Just on a final note, the problem here in Washington is not revenue. In 1999 we will collect \$1,821,000,000,000. By 2009 that will have increased by 50 percent; that government revenues, if we do not provide tax relief, will have increased to \$2,725,000,000,000.

The problem in Washington is not revenue, the problem is we are collecting too much. We need to give tax relief and we need to control spending. We are not cutting spending, we are just slowing the growth, so Federal programs can continue. We just need to control our appetites here in Washington and secure America's future by giving American families and American individuals some of their money back.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mrs. FOWLER (at the request of Mr. ARMEY) until 1 p.m. today on account of official business at the Pentagon.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. HOYER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. FILNER, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mr. HILLIARD, for 5 minutes, today.  
Mrs. CLAYTON, for 5 minutes, today.  
Ms. JACKSON LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. CUMMINGS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. COYNE, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. SMITH of Michigan) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. TOOMEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. BURTON of Indiana, for 5 minutes, August 3.

Mr. BILIRAKIS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MORELLA, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. KUYKENDALL, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan for 5 minutes, July 30.

Mr. DAVIS of Virginia, for 5 minutes, July 28.

Mr. UPTON, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE BILLS REFERRED

Bills of the Senate of the following titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 296. An act to provide for continuation of the Federal research investment in a fiscally sustainable way, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science.

S. 1402. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to enhance programs providing education benefits for veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs in addition to the Committee on Armed Services for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The SPEAKER announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 604. An act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to complete a land exchange with Georgia Power Company.

S. 1258. An act to authorize funds for the payment of salaries and expenses of the Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

S. 1259. An act to amend the Trademark Act of 1946 relating to dilution of famous marks, and for other purposes.

S. 1260. An act to make technical corrections in title 17, United States Code, and for other purposes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. HOEKSTRA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at midnight), under its previous order the House adjourned until Thursday, July 29, 1999, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows: